

Appln. No.: 10/790,401  
Amendment Dated January 11, 2006  
Reply to Office Action of November 29, 2005

MATG-401US

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln. No.: 10/790,401  
Applicant: Ming Li et al.  
Filed: March 1, 2004  
Title: ULTRAFast LASER DIRECT WRITING METHOD TO MODIFY  
EXISTING MICROSTRUCTURES ON SUBMICRON SCALE  
TC/A.U.: 1725  
Examiner: Maria A. Elve  
Confirmation No.: 1061  
Docket No.: MATG-401US

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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This is in response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the Office Letter dated **November 29, 2005**.

The Examiner requires that claims of one of: Group I, claims 1-12; Group II, claims 13-24; Group III, claims 25-37; Group IV, claims 38-48; Group V, claims 49-57; Group VI, claims 58-69; Group VII, claims 70-81; or Group VIII, claims 82-85, be elected for prosecution. Applicants elect to prosecute Group II, claims 13-24. This election is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,



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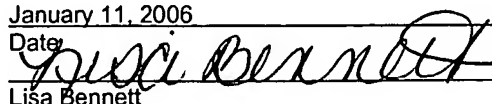
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